

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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SELLING OF GENERIC MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that unscrupulous drug manufacturers are selling generic medicines at the rates of branded medicines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the companies involved therein during the last three years; and
- (c) the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN):

(a) to (c) In accordance with the provisions of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995, (DPCO 1995) the Government fixes/revises prices of the drugs listed in its First Schedule and formulations based thereon. In case, there is any violation of the approved/notified price of a Scheduled formulation, action is taken under the provisions of the DPCO` 1995. Prices of non-Scheduled formulations are fixed by the manufacturers themselves keeping in view the various factors like cost of production, marketing/selling expenses, R&D expenses, trade commission, market competition, product innovation, product quality, etc. The Government/National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) regularly monitors the movement of prices of medicines and intervenes whenever instances of unreasonable increase in prices affecting public interest adversely are noticed.